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Subject: Enviro-Chem Superfund Site  
Monthly Progress Report Number 17  
December 15, 1994 through January 14, 1995

Dear Mr. Novak:

Enclosed is the subject progress report. A copy of the report has been submitted to Mr. Tony Likins at IDEM.

Sincerely,

Mark Dowiak, P.E.  
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Enclosure

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**TO:** Tony Likins, IDEM  
Dion Novak, U.S. EPA

**DATE:** January 16, 1995

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This Monthly Progress Report has been prepared in accordance with Section XII of the Consent Decree entered September 10, 1991, Number 83-1419 C, U.S.D.C. District of Indiana.

### Activities

The December site inspection was conducted by DeMaximus Inc. on December 6, 1994. The report of the inspection was received after Monthly Progress Report Number 16 was filed with U.S. EPA. The November inspection was conducted on November 29, 1994 and was reported in Monthly Progress Report Number 16. The following conditions were noted in the December inspection:

- Rainwater is standing on the decontamination and wastewater storage pads, the site area southwest of the former facility process building, and the southern concrete pad.
- The northwest corner fence post was not yet repaired, but was expected to be repaired in December.
- DeMaximus installed 200 feet of silt fence in the north drainage ditch.

In a December 13, 1994 correspondence, U.S. EPA commented on the October 13, 1994 letter concerning the historical basis for the western remedial boundary location. U.S. EPA indicated that it does not agree that the extent of contamination has been shown to be limited to the two hot spots west of the boundary. The parties are to meet to attempt to resolve their differences. The Trustees will contact U.S. EPA in January, 1995 to schedule a meeting.

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In a December 13, 1994 correspondence to U.S. EPA, the Trustees proposed acceptable soil concentrations for use in determining the need for a cap over the southern concrete pad excavation area. Risk-based concentrations were proposed for organic constituents. For inorganics, the concentrations would be the greater of risk-based levels or the background levels calculated in accordance with the IDEM regulations.

In a December 16, 1994 memorandum, the Trustees submitted to U.S. EPA a draft of proposed amendments to the Consent Decree.

On December 16, the Revised Draft Evaluation of Alternatives Memorandum was submitted by Dow Environmental Inc. (formerly AWD) on behalf of the Trustees to U.S. EPA. This revision addressed U.S. EPA's comments provided in its November 2, 1994 letter.

**Activities to be conducted from January 15, 1995 to February 14, 1995**

A site inspection will be conducted by DeMaximus.

The Concrete Pad Area Subsurface Investigation Report will be submitted to U.S. EPA.

The revised Draft Preliminary Design (30 percent) Report for the Revised Response Action will be submitted to U.S. EPA on January 31, 1995.

The Trustees and U.S. EPA will schedule a meeting to resolve differences regarding the western remedial boundary investigations.

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